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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Decision of the Primary Examiner mailed March 29, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, and 19-24.

The item(s) marked below are appropriate:

- A petition and fee for extension of term for reply to the final rejection is attached. 2. X Appeal fee X other than a small entity. Fee: \$500.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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